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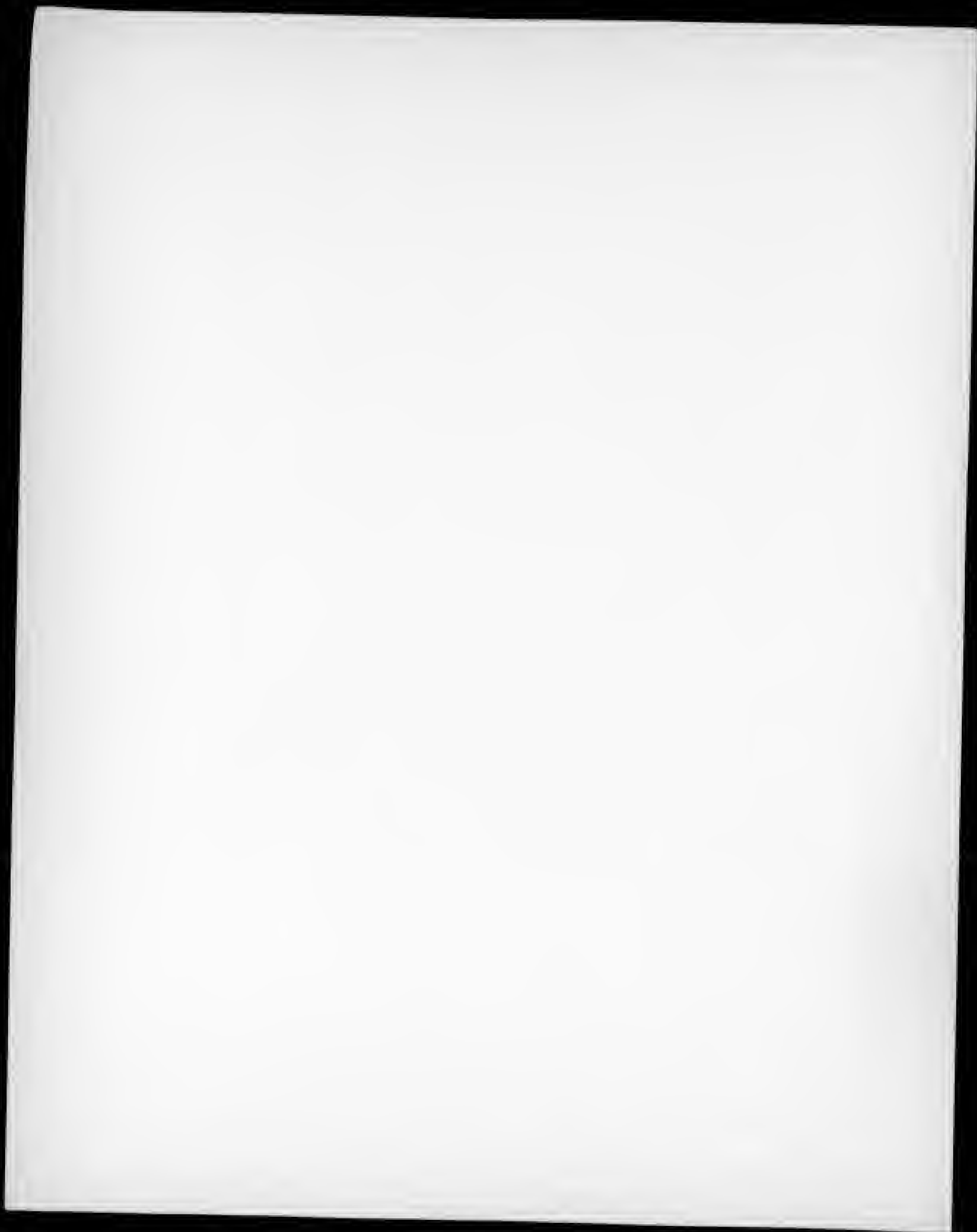
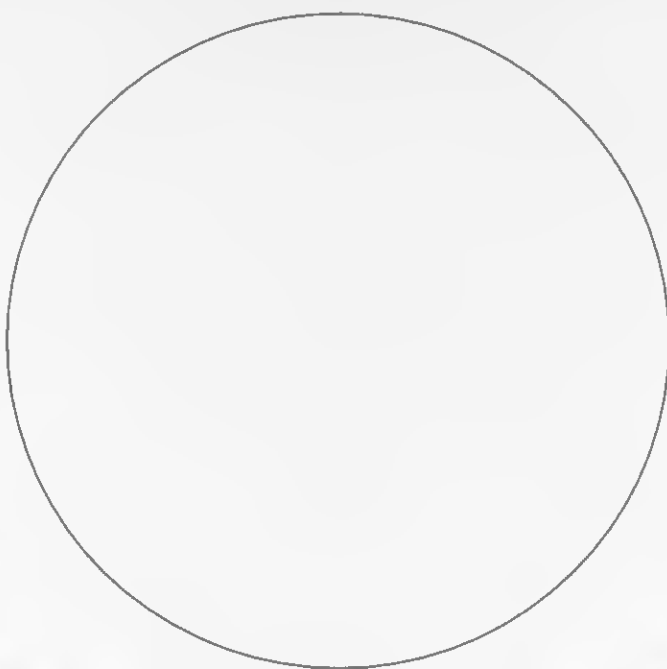


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**Guide to the Papers of Rabbi Robert
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1928-2013**

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Descriptive Summary

Creator:	Lehman, Robert L.
Title:	Rabbi Robert L. Lehman Collection
Dates:	1928-2013
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Abstract: The Rabbi Robert L. Lehman Collection focuses on the development of a rabbi and of his role leading his congregations. The collection includes copious sermons, substantial correspondence, articles, newspaper clippings, notes, congregational and conference publications, photographs, diplomas, and a few objects.

Languages: The collection is in English, German, and Hebrew.

Quantity: 9.75 linear feet

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Biographical Note

On May 3, 1927, Horst Lazard Lehmann was born to Michael Lehmann and Toni Lehmann of Heilbronn, Germany. The Lehmann family were observant Jews, with a liberal Orthodox background. From April to May 1933 Horst Lehmann attended the Volksschule in Heilbronn until his father, director of the Dresdener Bank in Heilbronn, was transferred to his hometown of Schweinfurt, Germany on May 1, 1933.

In 1937 Toni Lehmann was asked to tend her ill uncle, Rabbi Max Freudenthal of Nuremberg. As a gesture of gratitude he granted her request and asked his son, who lived in the United States, for an immigration affidavit for the Lehmanns. In March 1938 the Lehmann family came to the United States; during immigration Horst Lehmann's name was changed to Robert L. Lehman. On May 4, 1940 he celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, a Reform congregation made up largely of fellow German-Jewish immigrants, that leaned toward traditional or conservative practices.

After graduating from Stuyvesant High School in 1945, Robert Lehman served for two years in the army. Following his army service, he attended Long Island University, graduating with honors in philosophy in 1949. He then studied at Hebrew Union College, and was a student rabbi at congregations in Oklahoma, Florida, West Virginia, and Chicago. On June 1, 1954 Robert L. Lehman was ordained as a rabbi.

His first position was as assistant rabbi at Temple Oheb Shalom in Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked under Rabbi Abraham Shaw. There his responsibilities included giving weekly sermons and overseeing the youth education program. The position was only intended to be temporary and he stayed for a little over two years.

In December 1956 Rabbi Robert L. Lehman was installed as rabbi at the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, the congregation he had joined upon coming to the United States. He would spend the rest of his life with this congregation, serving for forty-one years and giving sermons on diverse topics. As rabbi, he led the congregation through the turbulent 1960s and the instability of the 1970s-early 1990s, when Washington Heights became known as one of the more dangerous neighborhoods of New York City, with a high crime rate and a crack cocaine epidemic. By 1972 an estimated ninety percent of the congregation had moved out of the immediate neighborhood of the synagogue due to these problems, but still attended synagogue services. For these reasons, the congregation moved in 1974 from its earlier location at 161st Street north to Fort Washington Avenue and 185th Street. The move allowed Rabbi Robert Lehman to initiate more community programs at the synagogue, such as a yearly film festival, concerts, and the Open Mind Adult Education Program, in addition to the Hebrew school and religious education classes already held for the youth. He also helped to

organize an oral history project that resulted in a book, *Reflections on the Holocaust*, published in 1978, on the fortieth anniversary of Kristallnacht. In 1980, he led the congregation in its "Boat People" project, where the congregation adopted a Vietnamese immigrant family in need.

While rabbi of the Hebrew Tabernacle, Rabbi Robert Lehman married Ilona Tucker, a fellow refugee born in Germany. They had one daughter.

In addition to leading his congregation, Rabbi Robert Lehman continued his education at Yeshiva University and earned a certificate from the Post Graduate Center for Mental Health in pastoral counseling. In 1979 he received an honorary doctorate from Hebrew Union College, and in 1985 earned a Doctor of Ministry degree from New York Theological Seminar. In addition, he was active in professional organizations, including having been a member of the executive committee of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, as well as that organization's National Committee on Ethics and its Committee on Aging. He was also on the executive committee of the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors and was President of the American Federation of Jews from Central Europe.

In 1985 Rabbi Robert Lehman returned to Heilbronn, his birthplace, as part of memorial events for former Jewish residents from the city (its *Woche der Begegnung*). There he gave a sermon in the Kilianskirche, the first rabbi to do so, reflecting on the events of the Holocaust and the city's efforts to address its past. Later, in 1991, he participated in activities for former Jewish residents of Schweinfurt, as part of the city's twelve-hundredth anniversary. The activities included a series of interfaith talks in the St. Johanniskirche, in which he took part, as well as the installation of a memorial plaque in the Jewish cemetery.

Rabbi Robert Lehman retired from his position at the Hebrew Tabernacle in June 1997, becoming Rabbi Emeritus of the congregation. In 2000 he became a rabbi of the liberal Congregation Or Chadash in Vienna, travelling monthly from New York to conduct services and perform other rabbinical duties. From 2001-2002 he served as part-time rabbi for Temple Israel in Lawrence, New York.

Rabbi Robert L. Lehman died in 2003.

Scope and Content Note

The Rabbi Robert L. Lehman Collection focuses on the development of a rabbi and of his role in leading his congregations, especially in leading the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, a congregation whose members consisted largely of fellow German-Jewish immigrants. The collection includes numerous sermons, substantial correspondence, articles, newspaper clippings, notes, congregational and conference publications, photographs, diplomas, and a few objects.

The small first series holds some personal documents, primarily several folders of letters friends and congregants as well as a few articles about himself and about his uncle, Rabbi Max Freudenthal. Items from his life prior to becoming a rabbi are also included here.

The heart of the collection is Series II, which holds the professional papers of Rabbi Robert Lehman. It centers on his training as a rabbi, with documentation of his early position as assistant rabbi in Baltimore, his primary role as rabbi in Washington Heights, and work with later congregations following his retirement. The countless sermons in this series provide insight into his personal preaching style and themes over the years and with different congregations, while correspondence and congregational

papers show other aspects of his rabbinical duties and the activities of the congregations he led. Some of the personal correspondence of Series I includes letters of congregants of the Hebrew Tabernacle. One subseries of Series II documents his work with professional associations and as representative of German-Jewish Holocaust survivors.

Documentation of Rabbi Robert Lehman's rabbinical education will be found primarily among the papers of Series II. Such documents include coursework from Hebrew Union College and information on his student rabbi positions. His diplomas, including later doctoral degrees and the certificate of his ordination as a rabbi, will be found in Series III.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series in the following manner:

Series I: Personal, 1928-2002

Series 2: Professional, 1942-2013

Subseries 1: Early Career and Education, 1944-1957

Subseries 2: Temple Oheb Shalom, Baltimore, 1952-1956

Subseries 3: Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, 1942-2013

Subseries 4: Late Career, 1969-2003

Subseries 5: Conferences and Events, 1974-1996

Series III: Diplomas and Certificates, 1954-1985

Access and Use

Access Restrictions

Open to researchers.

Access Information

Readers may access the collection by visiting the Lillian Goldman Reading Room at the Center for Jewish History. We recommend reserving the collection in advance; please visit the LBH Online Catalog and click on the "Reserve" button.

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Access Points

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Individuals:

Lehman, Robert L.

Organizations:

Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation (New York, N.Y.)

Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion

Temple Shalom (Chicago, Ill.)

Union of American Hebrew Congregations

Subjects:

[Fasts and feasts--Judaism](#)
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[Rabbinical seminaries--United States.](#)
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[Reform Judaism--United States](#)

Places:

[Chicago \(Ill.\)](#)
[Heilbronn \(Germany\)](#)
[Schweinfurt \(Germany\)](#)
[Washington Heights \(New York, N.Y.\)](#)

Document Types:

[Clippings \(information artifacts\)](#)
[Correspondence](#)
[Essays](#)
[Lecture notes](#)
[Lists \(document genres\)](#)
[Notes](#)
[Photographs](#)
[Programs \(documents\)](#)
[Sermons](#)
[Transcripts](#)

Related Material

A number of archival collections in the LBI Archives and books in the LBI Library relate to the German-Jewish community in Washington Heights and the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights. One of these is the book *Frankfurt on the Hudson*(st 2895); the LBI Archives hold an early manuscript of this work as well (MS 502). Included in the LBI Archives is the Berta Kuba Collection (AR 11991), which contains materials on the congregation and some correspondence with Rabbi Robert L. Lehman. The LBI Archives also hold The oral history collection of the Research Foundation for Jewish Immigration, New York (AR 25385), which contain an oral history by Robert L. Lehman.

Histories of the Hebrew Tabernacle congregation include *A history of the Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation of Washington Heights; a German-Jewish community in New York City*(F 128.9 J5 E4), which includes an introduction by Rabbi Robert L. Lehman.

The LBI Library includes the book, *Reflections on the Holocaust*, which contains histories of members of the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights (D 811.5 M27).

Separated Material

Some books and a number of publications without extensive notations were removed to the LBI Library. When removed, photocopies of the title pages and copyright information of the items were retained in the collection in the

folder where they were found.

A sewing kit used in the United States army and tefillin were removed to the LBI Art and Objects Collection.

Preferred Citation

Published citations should take the following form:

Identification of item, date (if known); Rabbi Robert L. Lehman Collection; AR 25598; box number; folder number; Leo Baeck Institute.

Processing Information

During processing of the archival collection, similar materials were grouped together to form series and subseries. Some original order was observed, resulting in the current organization of the sermons, the most prominent documentation in the collection. Some larger folders were further subdivided into multiple folders. Certificates were removed from their frames.

Container List

Series I: Personal, 1928-2002

This series is in German and English.

0.2 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

Series I contains personal papers of Rabbi Robert L. Lehman, with much of the series consisting of correspondence. Other documents include articles and newspaper clippings and papers that relate to his graduation from Long Island University in 1949, prior to attending Hebrew Union College for his rabbinical studies.

Notable among the articles are documents in the first folder of the series, including Robert Lehman's Bar Mitzvah speech at the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights and a 1962 newspaper clipping regarding Catholic liturgy that demonized Jews and his recommendation, sent to the Vatican, to remove references to such demonization during the Second Vatican Council. The final folder of the series holds several essays written during the late 1940s for contests and courses on topics such as world peace and an academic paper on various philosophers' approaches to God; also included is a Sabbath Evening Service written by Rabbi Robert L. Lehman and dedicated to his Hebrew Tabernacle congregation, among other items.

Much of the series consists of personal correspondence, both from friends and family members as well as some from congregants. Such letters often impart greetings and news of their activities, mention academic politics at Hebrew Union College or news of fellow classmates, or are from friends who were also rabbis who tell of news of their positions. A few letters relate to his position at Hebrew Tabernacle. Folder 4, which holds later correspondence, includes a letter from Steven Lowenstein, author of *Frankfurt on the Hudson*, thanking Robert Lehman for his aid with the book; others are from the Leo Baeck Institute or from Long Island

University, when he received its Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1992.

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	1 Articles about Robert L. Lehman and Bar Mitzvah Speech	1940-1962
1	2 Articles – Max Freudenthal	1928-1937
1	3 Books removed from collection	1923-1953
1	4 Correspondence	1989, 2002
1	5 Correspondence – Congregations and Personal	1956-1981
1	6 Correspondence – Congregations and Personal – Feder, Gary and Max	1963-1970
1	7 Correspondence – F-G	1954-1971
1	8 Correspondence – Jacob, Walter	1955-1969
1	9 Correspondence – Or Chadasch (Vienna)	2001-2002
1	10 Correspondence – S	1954-1970
1	11 Correspondence – W-Z	1961-1972
1	12 Graduation from Long Island University	1948-1949
1	13 Newspaper Clippings	1948
1	14 Taxes	1957-1961
1	15 Writings and Research	1947-1968

Series II: Professional, 1942-2013

This series is in English, German, and Hebrew.

7.8 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Divided into four subseries:

Subseries 1: Early Career and Education, 1944-1957

Subseries 2: Temple Oheb Shalom, Baltimore, 1952-1956, 1962

Subseries 3: Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, 1942-2013

Subseries 4: Late Career, 1969-2003

Subseries 5: Conferences and Events, 1934, 1974-1996

Scope and Content:

Series II documents Rabbi Robert L. Lehman's education and role as rabbi and comprises the bulk of the collection. Documenting his rabbinical studies, early training, and evolution as a rabbi, it includes extensive sermons, much correspondence, and other congregational and organizational papers. The first four subseries are divided by chronological period (Early Career and Education; Temple Oheb Shalom; Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights; Late Career), with the final subseries relating to trips and professional conferences.

Sermons comprise the bulk of Series II, spanning the career of Rabbi Robert Lehman. His first sermons, given as a student in the chapel of Hebrew Union College, will be found in Subseries 1, along with those given as a student rabbi. Subseries 2, his first position as an ordained rabbi, continues with the sermons he gave while a rabbi in Baltimore. The sermons from his pulpit at Hebrew Tabernacle will be found in Subseries 3 and document more than forty years of guiding his congregation with discussions of prayer, Biblical teachings, historical events, personal reflections, lessons taken from books, television and film, and on the

events of their times – local, national, and International. Subseries 4 holds later sermons from his brief time as rabbi at Temple Israel on Long Island and at the newly-formed congregation of Or Chadasch in Vienna, Austria, where his sermons were in German. Also in German was the sermon he gave at the Kilianskirche in Heilbronn, Germany, on a trip there in 1985, located in Subseries 5, along with a shorter talk given at a church in Schweinfurt in 1991.

Correspondence also makes up a large portion of the professional documentation of Series II and will similarly be found in each subseries. Much of it is organizational and administrative; there is correspondence with his congregations when he was a student rabbi, relating to trips and conferences pertaining to details such as travel and logistical information. Correspondence pertaining to his two pulpits largely refers to the running of the congregations and their programs, especially the educational programs. Hebrew Tabernacle correspondence documents many of the congregation's activities, among them the concerts and lectures, the work of committees, congregational membership, and the maintenance of the synagogue and its finances, but also including honors awarded to Rabbi Lehman and events marking the anniversary of Kristalinacht. Related to the correspondence of the congregations of Temple Oheb Shalom and the Hebrew Tabernacle are their congregational papers; the former's consists mainly of papers related to the attendance and teaching in Temple Oheb Shalom's educational program, while Hebrew Tabernacle's congregational papers relate to many of its activities. In addition, research related to projects and documentation related to Hebrew Tabernacle's history will also be found in Subseries 3.

Rabbi Robert Lehman's membership in professional organizations and attendance at professional conferences will be found in Subseries 5. This subseries also contains documentation on memorial trips to Heilbronn and Schweinfurt, Germany in which he took part. Material in this subseries includes correspondence, publications, articles, and other papers related to specific conferences and events. Notable also is the documentation on the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors in Israel.

Subseries 1: Early Career and Education, 1944-1957

This subseries is in English and Hebrew.

1.2 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Divided topically as follows:

- A) Hebrew Union College
- B) Student Rabbi Holiday Positions
- C) Temple Sholom (Chicago)
- D) Other Papers

Scope and Content:

This subseries relates to the beginning of Rabbi Robert Lehman's rabbinical career. It includes documentation of his studies at Hebrew Union College, his experiences as a student rabbi during the high holidays, his extended time as a student rabbi at Temple Sholom in Chicago, and other papers.

Documentation of Robert Lehman's studies at Hebrew Union College include organizational papers with the college, including some from late December 1953 and early January 1954 regarding the illness of his father. Other correspondence is with his professor and thesis advisor, Ellis Rivkin, as well as two folders of letters from classmates who were friends. Their

letters primarily provide updates on their activities and news of the congregations they served; Richard Rosenthal relates some descriptions of his activities as a military chaplain at Fort Leonard Wood. Other papers related to Robert Lehman's studies consist of a number of academic papers, notes on lectures and books, and examination questions and responses. Papers from the course "The Rabbi, the Congregation, and the Community" include descriptions of case studies of advisement given and interaction between rabbis and congregants.

Three folders relate to Robert Lehman's experiences as a student rabbi during the holidays at congregations in Oklahoma, Florida, and West Virginia. These folders contain correspondence regarding arranging his arrival and preparation for participating with the congregations. The first two folders also contain Robert Lehman's sermons for Rosh Hashana, Kol Nidre, Yom Kippur, and Yom Kippur Memorial Services. The second folder also includes a sermon for the dedication of the new Temple for the Congregation of Liberal Judaism and notes on an address to its Sisterhood on the place of women in modern 1950s Judaism. The final folder consists solely of correspondence regarding arrangements for holiday services at B'nai Israel Congregation in West Virginia.

Robert Lehman worked from autumn 1952 until spring 1953 as a student rabbi at Temple Shalom in Chicago. Papers regarding this time include correspondence with the congregation's rabbi, papers relating to the teaching of youth, and sermons. Correspondence with this congregation, while including organizational details, also pertains to teaching the youth of the congregation and Robert Lehman's various ideas to increase their interest in Temple activities and make Judaism relevant to them. Related is the folder of learning materials for the children's instruction, the text of plays put on by them for Hanukah and Purim, and instruction packets for parents' workshops, which instructed parents on how to celebrate the holidays at home. Several of the sermons given by Robert Lehman were intended for children, with another comparing Hanukah and Christmas, focusing on how parents could keep children interested in Hanukah during December.

The remaining other papers of Subseries 1 include a number of sermons and articles by other as well as some by Robert Lehman. Two folders in this section of the subseries hold writings by Robert Lehman. The first "Essays and Sermons by Robert L. Lehman" date from the late 1940s and include two short stories for an English class, as well as an essay for a history class on the history of war in the twentieth century and present conditions of the post-war world. "Choose Thou Life" may be an early draft of a sermon. This folder also includes copies of various poems. The folder "Sermons, Prayers, and Talks" includes several sermon drafts from the early 1950s given at Hebrew Union College, some of which were graded, as well as others for Hebrew Tabernacle. Some of these are benedictions for weddings. Sermons and newspaper clippings by others will also be found in this area of the subseries, along with texts of radio broadcasts by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

A) Hebrew Union College

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	16 Correspondence	1950-1953
1	17 Correspondence - Rivkin, Ellis	1954-1955
1	18 Correspondence - Rosenthal, Richard (Dick)	1954-1958
1	19 Correspondence - Rosenthal, William (Bill)	1954-1956

1	20	Course Notes and Essays – History 2: 333 BCE to 400 BCE (Summer 1950)	1950
1	21	Course Notes and Essays – Third Term (Fall 1950)	1950
1	22	Course Notes and Essays – Eighth Term (Spring 1953)	1952-1953 March
1	23	Course Notes and Essays – Human Relations 3: The Rabbi, the Congregation and the Community	1950-1953
1	24	Course Notes and Essays – Ninth Term (Fall 1953-1954)	1937, 1953 October-1954
1	25	Course Notes and Essays – History 13 (Spring 1954)	1954 February-April

B) Student Rabbi Holiday Positions

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	26 Congregation Emeth (Ardmore, Oklahoma)	1950 July-October
1	27 Congregation of Liberal Judaism (Orlando, Florida)	1951 July-October
1	28 B'nai Israel Congregation (Parkersburg, West Virginia)	1953 June-1954 May

C) Temple Sholom (Chicago)

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	29 Correspondence	1952-1954
1	30 Plays	1952-1953
1	31 Religious School – Learning Materials and Forms	1953-1955
1	32 Sermons	1952 September-1953 March
1	33 Temple Sholom Bulletins	1952-1955
1	34 Workshops for Parents	1952-1952

D) Other Papers

Box	Folder Title	Date
1	35 Children's and Family Services – General	1944-1956
1	36 Essays and Sermons by Robert L. Lehman	1946-1949
1	37 Multiple Congregations – Shavuot, Confirmation, and Graduation Services	1955-1957
1	38 Sermons, Addresses and Articles by Others	1953-1955
1	39 Sermons, Prayers, and Talks	1949-1954
1	40 Service Programs and Bulletins	1953-1955
1	41 Synagogue Service Bulletins and Untitled Family Service Pamphlets	undated, 1951-1955

Box	Folder Title	Date
2	1 Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Design for Living	1951-1952

2	2	Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Design for Living	1953-1955
2	3	Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Message of Israel	1952-1953
2	4	Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Message of Israel	1954-1955
2	5	Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Radio Broadcasts – Message of Israel	1956-1957

Subseries 2: Temple Oheb Shalom, Baltimore, 1952-1956, 1962

This subseries is in English and German.

0.4 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

Subseries 2 contains papers from Temple Oheb Shalom, where Robert Lehman served as assistant rabbi. It focuses on his communication with the congregation's rabbi, Abraham Shaw, as well as Robert Lehman's work in organizing a youth education program.

Correspondence with Rabbi Abraham Shaw includes letters relating to the consideration of Robert Lehman as assistant rabbi and his election. A 1954 letter mentions Robert Lehman's ordination as a rabbi on June 1, 1954. Other early letters discuss the arrangement of an apartment and his first days with the congregation. Letters from 1956 mention Robert Lehman's consideration by the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, who were seeking a new rabbi. A December 1956 letter by Abraham Shaw mentions his having installed Robert Lehman as rabbi at Hebrew Tabernacle. Other letters contain personal greetings and discuss various other subjects.

Notable are several folders of sermons, Robert Lehman's first as an ordained rabbi. Included is his sermon for September 24, 1954, when he was installed as rabbi at Temple Oheb Shalom. This sermon includes some biographical details, since it was his Introduction to his new congregation. While all sermons focus on Biblical teachings, they also include varying other subjects, with occasional mentions of current events, such as anti-Semitism, fears of communism, the lack of attendance at non-holiday services, or the Korean War. One folder holds sermons Robert Lehman gave at the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

Three folders relate to the congregation's youth programs, in which Robert Lehman participated. These include service programs as well as texts for children's services and Passover songs. Other letters include forms and circular letters, including instructions for boys for their bar mitzvahs or confirmations and guidelines for the home celebration of Hanukah. Related is the folder of materials on the religious school. Such papers include correspondence, especially regarding the arranging of a post-confirmation course, and notes on the children's curriculum, teaching materials, and a photo of the religious school's high school graduates.

Box	Folder Title	Date
2	6 Correspondence – Abraham Shaw	1954-1965

2	7	Correspondence – Jewish Art Exhibition (Baltimore, Maryland)	1954
2	8	Funerals, Weddings, and Talks	1955-1956
2	9	Religious School	1952-1956
2	10	Sermons	1954 September-1954 December, 2004
2	11	Sermons	1955 January-1955 May
2	12	Sermons	1955 June-1955 December
2	13	Sermons	1956 January-1956 May, 1962 November
2	14	Sermons – Baltimore Hebrew Congregation	July 1954-August 1954
2	15	Youth Education	1951-1956
2	16	Youth Education – Passover Seder	1955
2	17	Youth Education – Purim	1954-1956

Subseries 3: Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, 1942-2013

This subseries is in [German] and [English].

5.6 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Divided as follows:

- A) Correspondence
 - a) Alphabetical Files of Congregational Correspondence
 - b) Topical
- B) Sermons
 - a) Chronological
 - b) Topical
- C) Other Congregational Papers
- D) Projects, Articles, and Research

Scope and Content:

This subseries holds the papers of Rabbi Robert Lehman while he was rabbi at Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights. It has been divided into four areas: correspondence; sermons; other congregational papers; and projects, articles, and research.

The correspondence of Robert Lehman as Rabbi of Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights covers numerous topics. The majority focus on routine matters relating to the congregation and synagogue.

Four folders of correspondence were previously arranged alphabetically. Nearly all of this correspondence consists of copies of the correspondence of Max Hamburgh, the congregation's president during the 1970s. These letters focus on organizational matters, such as maintenance, preparation for holidays, invitations to new community members, fund-raising, events, and other such topics. Notable is a May 1978 request for police protection for worshippers departing the synagogue, evidence that reflects the changing neighborhood of Washington Heights.

The majority of correspondence was arranged topically during the

processing of the archival collection. These letters also often feature routine subjects, including circular letters and forms. Among the earliest committee correspondence are letters of Robert Lehman to and from the rabbinical placement committee as he searched for a new position when his time at Temple Oheb Shalom was coming to an end. Among these letters is his curriculum vitae. The second folder of committee correspondence includes a 1973 announcement of a meeting regarding the congregation's search for a new synagogue, which also mentions the condition of the neighborhood surrounding the congregation's previous location on 161st Street. Another folder documents the merge of the congregation of Temple Covenant with that of Hebrew Tabernacle. The folder pertaining to the fiftieth anniversary of Kristallnacht in 1988 includes information on the dedication of the Hebrew Tabernacle's stained-glass windows, as well as letters from other congregations regarding the event, the anniversary's sermon, and service program.

The folder of general correspondence from 1990-1994 contains several letters and related documents that pertain to events in the history of the congregation and to Rabbi Robert Lehman's career there. The folder includes an article by a member of the choir on his first meeting with Cantor Henry Ehrenberg and an overview of his experiences with the choir. The folder also has correspondence and a related documentation of a Kristallnacht memorial in 1993, letters regarding the celebration of Rabbi Lehman's fortieth anniversary as a rabbi, and a letter from the Vietnamese family sponsored by the congregation in 1980.

Correspondence with the Union of American Hebrew Congregations largely centers around the payment of membership dues, with information on the Hebrew Tabernacle's financial situation and its changes over the decades. Correspondence with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum mentions the donation to the museum's collection of oral history tapes of experiences of the congregants.

The core of the material on the Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights, and of the collection itself, consists of the drafts of sermons given by Rabbi Robert L. Lehman for this congregation from the late 1950s through the early 2000s. Most sermons were organized chronologically, although a smaller amount were grouped together by topic; this previous arrangement has been retained. Research material for sermons, such as newspaper or magazine clippings, correspondence, reports, fliers, programs, or other papers, are often included with the sermon for which they were used. Some sermons include index cards with brief summaries of their contents written at a later date by someone other than Rabbi Lehman; other similar index cards with sermon summaries were found together and have been included in this series. While the sermons provide ample evidence of Rabbi Lehman's preaching, they also hold many clues on the congregation's history and concerns. Most sermons relate Biblical stories or text with discussion of their relevance to modern life or events. Most sermons were typed, but some consist only of handwritten notes. Many typed sermons were written in a personal shorthand, with abbreviations for certain words; typed sermons were written on full pages of paper as well as half-sheets and index cards.

Particularly interesting are the many sermons that mention local, national, or world events, providing a historical overview of significant current events as well as imparting religious guidance to the congregation. Most prominent events in American history during these decades are addressed in the sermons. Notable are the sermons of the 1960s and 1970s that mention the Vietnam War, the growing civil rights movement and the racial tensions of the times, the space race and moon landing, the counterculture of the 1960s and 1970s, and the ideological divide between the younger and older generations. Included is mention of Jewish participation in the

civil rights movement; anti-Semitism among some of the revolutionary African-American rights organizations; events in Israel, Jewish youth and youth movements, the shift toward conservatism and the political right in the 1980s; and the effects of poverty on society. For example, sermons from 1969-1970 included a reaction to the Black Power Manifesto of James Forman; a discussion of religion in the Age of Aquarius; problems in Washington Heights and the election of Mayor Lindsay; a call for peace after the deaths at Kent State; and remarks on the first Earth Day. Another example is the folder "Turbulent 1960s and Spirituality," among the topical folders of sermons, which collects several historically-interesting sermons from the 1960s in one location; these include such topics as the 1969 protest against Columbia University's building of a gymnasium in Morningside Park, the Vietnam War, and the changes in English usage due to the growth of drug-related slang, as well as discussion of the history of Hassidim and their conflicts with Orthodox Judaism.

Other sermons, often those of the 1970s through the 1990s, mention the changing demographics of the neighborhood of Washington Heights, with reference to the reasons why the congregation moved their synagogue in 1974 from the more dangerous location of 161st Street to the congregation's location on Fort Washington Avenue. Still others, especially during the 1980s and 1990s, touch upon the congregation's role in the neighborhood, with mentions of participation in anti-drug protests and the support of local politicians. Some sermons note the changing demographics of the congregation itself as the older German-born congregants were joined by the younger generations.

Another frequent topic of the chronologically-arranged sermons are reviews of books, movies, and plays, in addition to the bulk of the sermons that focused on Biblical readings or in-depth examinations of prayers such as the Shema or the Kaddish. Although books reviewed during sermons were often books considering Judaism or Jewish history, they also included popular fiction. Among the reviews are those of television shows such as *All in the Family*, which Rabbi Lehman criticized. His Yom Kippur sermon of 1985 discussed a book by Klaus Mann on the importance of a civilized world and found fault with the then popular but uncivilized movie, *Rambo*; indicative of the times, it echoed the violence of the subways and the streets. One folder among the topically-arranged sermons consists of reviews as well.

The Holocaust was an undercurrent often referenced in passing in sermons, but was also frequently marked in November with a sermon around the anniversary of Kristallnacht, commemorating the burning of the synagogues in Germany.

In the folder of earliest sermons, those of autumn 1956, will be found the sermons related to the installation of Rabbi Lehman as rabbi of Hebrew Tabernacle. These include the sermon given by Rabbi Abraham Shaw, the senior rabbi of Temple Oheb Shalom, as well as Rabbi Lehman's response. Some sermons from the end of his career with this congregation focused on the future of the congregation. In 1993, with his retirement approaching, Rabbi Lehman asked his congregation to begin to consider the role of the non-Jew in the community. In his last holiday sermons of 1996, Rabbi Lehman spoke to his congregation on liberal Judaism and the upcoming changes the congregation might consider, such as the possibility of a female rabbi and greater attendance at services. These sermons also include his reminiscences of the congregation in addition to briefly describing its history.

Other Congregational Papers includes papers relating to the history of the congregation, as well as holding a few papers on the congregation in general.

Three folders pertain to the history of the congregation. Among these folders are a copy of a draft history of the congregation in 1985, later published; text of a service on the fiftieth anniversary of Kristallnacht with the dedication of eight stained glass windows; a newspaper article by Rabbi Robert Lehman on the history of the synagogue in 1980, and a 2005 article by cantor Frederick Herman on the one-hundredth anniversary of the building. Folder 7/15 includes a transcript of a detailed 1972 interview with Rabbi Lehman (with later 1979 additions) that mentions his own family's history but primarily focuses on that of the congregation prior to its move further north; It includes description of the changes in the neighborhood. This folder also holds a history of Kristallnacht commemorations at the Hebrew Tabernacle, among other papers. The scrapbook holds loose newspaper clippings relating either to the Hebrew Tabernacle or to Rabbi Lehman. They mention such items as community events and participation, the congregation's participation in civil rights marches, and Jewish holidays, among other subjects. The following folder includes a photograph of Rabbi Robert Lehman. The final folder holds documents from a class he gave, including attendance lists and class readings.

The final section of this subseries consists of documentation collected on various topics, often for projects undertaken by the congregation.

One project of the congregation was the support of a Vietnamese family; information gathered on the considerations of hosting a family will be found in the folder "Boat People," as well as information on the family they hosted. The "Liturgy Project" holds papers related to the examination of liturgy used by the congregation in a project conducted by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. The papers consisted of a survey by congregants on their thoughts and feelings while attending services in view of potential future changes to the liturgy. Such papers included a description of the project's goals, participating congregants' "worship diary" entries and a summation of the survey's results by Rabbi Lehman.

The folder "Anti-Semitism" relates to both anti-Semitism in America, including articles and a November 1966 sermon, and newspaper clippings on the Oberammergau Passion Play. Another folder, "Judaism in the Twenty-First Century" holds varying versions of the text of a talk by Robert Lehman in 1990 with his theories about the future; among the future events he anticipated were the return of Jews to Germany; the rise of Islamic fundamentalism and dangers to Israel; changes in Jewish communal organizations and the role of women; the future of liberal Judaism; and the role of rabbis in the future.

Several folders hold research material on varying topics. Material on the Jewish Defense League in 1969 includes newspaper clippings on the foundation of the league as well as on their position to Mayor Lindsay. The final folder of this subseries contains articles on Rabbi Robert Lehman, material on the Leadership Institute for Young German Jews, a clipping about Hebrew Tabernacle, and photographs of Rabbi Robert Lehman.

A) Correspondence

a) Alphabetical Files of Congregational Correspondence

Box	Folder Title	Date
2	18 L-W	1974
2	19 C-J	1975-1981
2	20 K-S	1978-1979
2	21 T-W	1978

b) Topical

Box	Folder Title	Date
2	22 Adult Bar/ Bat Mitzvah	
2	23 Aufbau – Honoring Robert Lehman	1979
2	24 Celebration – Thirty-Fifth Anniversary as 1992 Rabbi at Hebrew Tabernacle	
2	25 Circular Letters and Forms	1957, 1978
2	26 Circular Letters and Forms	1979
2	27 Circular Letters, Announcements, and Forms	1980
2	28 Circular Letters, Announcements, and Forms	1981-1982
2	29 Committees	1956-1969
2	30 Committees and Membership	1973-1974, 1989-1991
2	31 Covenant Temple Merge	1980-1981
Box	Folder Title	Date
3	1 Fiftieth Anniversary of Kristallnacht	1987-1988
3	2 General Correspondence	1974-1981
3	3 General Correspondence	1990-1994
3	4 High Holidays	1976-1979
3	5 High Holidays – Newspaper Advertisements	1975-1978
3	6 Organizational Correspondence	1974-1975
3	7 Planning and Finances	1985-1996
3	8 Sixty-Fifth Anniversary of Hebrew Tabernacle	1971
3	9 Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Finances	1971-1978
3	10 Union of American Hebrew Congregations – Finances	1994
3	11 Union of American Hebrew Congregations - Finances and Membership	1975-1979
3	12 United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	1991
3	13 Young Married Group (Mr. and Mrs. Group)	1956-1960, 1985

B) Sermons**a) Chronological**

Box	Folder Title	Date
3	14 Sermons	undated
3	15 Sermons	1956 September-1956 December
3	16 Sermons	1957 January-1957 June
3	17 Sermons – Index Card Notes	1957-1958

3	18	Sermons	1957 September-1957 December
3	19	Sermons	1958 January-1958 May
3	20	Sermons	1958 September-1958 December
3	21	Sermons	1959 January-1959 June
3	22	Sermons	1959 September-1960 June
3	23	Sermons	1960 September-1960 December
3	24	Sermons	1961 January-1961 May
3	25	Sermons	1961 September-1961 December
3	26	Sermons	1962 January-1962 May
3	27	Sermons	1962 September-1962 December
Box	Folder Title	Date	
4	1	Sermons	1963 January-1963 May
4	2	Sermons	1963 September-1963 December
4	3	Sermons	1964 January-1964 June
4	4	Sermons	1964 September-1964 December
4	5	Sermons	1965 January-1965 June
4	6	Sermons	1965 September-1965 December
4	7	Sermons	1966 January-1966 April
4	8	Sermons	1966 September-1966 December
4	9	Sermons	1967 January-1967 May

4	10	Sermons	1967 September-1968 June
4	11	Sermons	1968 September-1968 December
4	12	Sermons	1969 January-1969 May
4	13	Sermons	1969 September-1969 December
4	14	Sermons - Index Card Notes	1969-1970
4	15	Sermons	1970 January-1970 June, 1994
4	16	Sermons	1970 September-1970 December
4	17	Sermons	1971 January-1971 May
4	18	Sermons	1971 September-1972 January
4	19	Sermons	1972 October-1972 December
4	20	Sermons	1973 January-1973 June
4	21	Sermons	1973 September-1973 December
Box	Folder Title	Date	
5	1 Sermons	1974 January-1974 June	
5	2 Sermons	1974 September-1974 December	
5	3 Sermons	1975 January-1975 June	
5	4 Sermons	1976	
5	5 Sermons	1977 January-1977 June	
5	6 Sermons	1977 September-1977 December	
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5	18	Sermons	1983 September-1983 December
Box	Folder Title	Date	
6	1 Sermons	1984 January-1984 June	
6	2 Sermons	1984 August-1984 December	
6	3 Sermons	1985 January-1985 May	
6	4 Sermons	1985 September-1985 December	
6	5 Sermons	1986 January-1986 August	
6	6 Sermons	1986 September-1986 December	
6	7 Sermons	1987 January-1987 June	
6	8 Sermons	1987 August-1987 December	
6	9 Sermons	1988 January-1988 April	
6	10 Sermons	1988 September- December	

6	11	Sermons	1989 January-1989 June
6	12	Sermons	1989 September-1989 December
6	13	Sermons	1990 January-1990 May
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6	17	Sermons	1992 January-1992 June
6	18	Sermons	1992 September-1992 December
6	19	Sermons	1993 January-1993 April
6	20	Sermons	1993 September-1993 December
Box	Folder Title	Date	
7	1 Sermons	1994 January-1994 May	
7	2 Sermons	1994 September-1994 December	
7	3 Sermons	1995 January-1995 May	
7	4 Sermons	1995 August-1995 December	
7	5 Sermons	1996 January-1996 June	
7	6 Sermons – High Holidays	1996	
7	7 Sermons	1997-1999	

b) Topical

Box	Folder Title	Date
7	8 Book, Movie, and Play Reviews	1957-1972
7	9 Children's and Youth Services	1978, 1991
7	10 Philosophy	1965-1966
7	11 Turbulent 1960s and Spirituality	1956-1975, 1987
7	12 Various Subjects	1956-1987

C) Other Congregational Papers

Box	Folder Title	Date
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7	13	By-Laws, Programs, and Fliers	undated, 1974, 2000
7	14	History of Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights	1968-2005
7	15	History of Hebrew Tabernacle - Correspondence, Reports, Interview Transcript	1972-2013
7	16	History of Hebrew Tabernacle - Scrapbook	1962-1990
7	17	Publications, Photographs, and Programs	1948-1986
7	18	Rabbi's Class	1989

D) Projects, Articles and Research

Box	Folder	Title	Date
7	19	Anti-Semitism	1967-1970
7	20	Bible Comparisons – Birth Stories, Lord's Prayer, Passover and Last Supper, Sanhedrin and Trial of Jesus	undated
7	21	Boat People	1979-1980
7	22	Children's Services – Boy Scouts	undated
7	23	Crime Prevention Program	undated
7	24	Euthanasia	1942-1949, 1986
7	25	In the Shadow of the Tower/ Josef Nassy Art – Articles and Images	1989
7	26	Jewish Defense League	1969
7	27	Jews and Catholics	1964
7	28	Judaism in the Twenty-First Century	1990
Box	Folder	Title	Date
8	1	Liturgy Project	1994
8	2	Notes – Various Topics	undated, 1951-1970, 1984-1988
8	3	Poverty	1965
8	4	Services – Programs	undated, 1955-1958
8	5	Talks, Articles, and Research – Various Subjects	1948, 1967-1993
8	6	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum	1993
8	7	Young German Jews and the History of the Hebrew Tabernacle	1990-1999

Subseries 4: Late Career, 1969-2003

This subseries is in English.

0.1 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

This small subseries contains documentation that pertains to Rabbi Robert

Lehman's later years, including his retirement from Hebrew Tabernacle, his time as rabbi in Vienna, and his time as rabbi for Temple Israel of Lawrence, New York.

The first folder holds papers regarding Rabbi Lehman's retirement from Hebrew Tabernacle as well as documents, including sermons, articles, and publications, on memorable events while he was rabbi. Documentation includes materials for the celebration of his doctor of divinity degree and the spring 1997 events organized by the congregation to honor his forty years of service. Some materials include biographical information on him.

Documentation on his time as rabbi in Vienna in 2000 primarily consists of drafts of his sermons. Most of these sermons are in German and are for holidays. Some of them mention the many converts he encountered in Vienna; one sermon is for the conversion of a congregant. The folder also holds undated sermons in English about being a rabbi in Vienna as well as a clipping on Rabbi Robert Lehman being a rabbi there.

Box	Folder Title	Date
8	8 Retirement from Hebrew Tabernacle, Memorial, and Memorable Documents	1969-1992, 1997-2003
8	9 Temple Israel (Lawrence, New York)	2001-2002
8	10 Vienna	undated, 2000

Subseries 5: Conferences and Events, 1934, 1974-1996

This subseries is in English and German.

0.5 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

This subseries holds papers relating to conferences Rabbi Lehman attended or trips he made.

The most prominent material in this series is the documentation of Rabbi Robert Lehman's two trips to Germany to participate in events for former residents of the towns of Heilbronn and Schweinfurt. Such documentation includes correspondence regarding the planning of the events, including itineraries and travel information. In Heilbronn Rabbi Robert Lehman gave a sermon at the Kilianskirche, in Schweinfurt a briefer talk at the St. Johannis-Kirche. Correspondence and the sermons from the Heilbronn visit include some biographical details on Rabbi Robert Lehman as well as the names of his family members who perished in the Holocaust. Included in the correspondence of the Heilbronn trip is an opinion on the drafts of the sermon he was to give there. Heilbronn correspondence also includes letters from Robert Lehmann's cousin, Heinz Freudenthal, in Munich. The Schweinfurt trip was part of the town's celebration of its twelve-hundredth anniversary and includes a number of clippings on the town's festivities. Its correspondence similarly relates to the planning of the trip, including correspondence with potential participants discussing attendance and the purchase of a gift for Schweinfurt. In addition, some participants' experiences of the trip are also included in the letters. Articles about the Schweinfurt trip also hold a brief history of Jews in Schweinfurt and a list of Jewish residents; after 1945 no Jews remained in the town. Folders on both trips include photographs of Rabbi Robert Lehman speaking in the two churches and participating in the cemetery memorial in Schweinfurt.

Two folders relate to the World Gathering of Holocaust Survivors in Israel

in 1981. Rabbi Robert Lehman represented the Central Conference of American Rabbis at the event; material includes organizational correspondence, notes on talks, and other information. Several letters respond to his inquiry of fellow rabbis as to what their role ought to be at the gathering.

Other documentation pertains to conferences in which Rabbi Robert Lehman participated. Material on the Holocaust and Biomedical Ethics conference at Kent State University includes a sermon draft on the questions raised by the conference, namely whether it is permissible to continue to use data gathered from Nazi medical experimentation.

Box	Folder Title	Date
8	11 Central Conference of American Rabbis – Resolutions Committee	1974-1978
8	12 Consultation on Conscience Conference	1989
8	13 Curaçao Trip	1988
8	14 Heilbronn Visit (Woche der Begegnung) – Articles, Lists, Newspaper Clippings, Photographs	1985, 1987
8	15 Heilbronn Visit (Woche der Begegnung) – Correspondence	1983-1986
8	16 Heilbronn Visit (Woche der Begegnung) – Sermon Drafts	1985
8	17 Kent State University Conference – Holocaust and Biomedical Ethics	1989-1990
8	18 Nürnberg-Fürth Reunions (New York)	1992, 1996
8	19 Schweinfurt Trip – Articles, Programs, Itineraries, Lists and Photograph	1990-1991
8	20 Schweinfurt Trip – Correspondence	1990-1991
8	21 Schweinfurt Trip – Correspondence – Dresdener Bank to Bruno Maar	1934
8	22 Schweinfurt Trip – Sermons and Services	1990-1991
8	23 Trips – Caribbean and London	1989-1990
8	24 World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors – Articles and Other Papers	1980-1981
8	25 World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors – Correspondence	1980-1981
8	26 World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors – Texts and Notes for Talks	1980
8	27 World Union for Progressive Judaism – 25th International Conference	1990

Series III: Diplomas and Certificates, 1949-1997

This series is in English and Hebrew.

1.75 linear feet.

Arrangement:

Alphabetical.

Scope and Content:

Series III holds several diplomas and certificates of Rabbi Robert L. Lehman. Several of the diplomas have been made into laminated, permanent plaques.

Plaques consist of his Doctor of Ministry degree from the New York Theological Seminary, his honorary Doctor of Divinity from Hebrew Union College, and his rabbinical ordination. Other diplomas include his Bachelor of Arts from Long Island University and Bachelor's and Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters degrees from Hebrew Union College.

The certificates held here are for his membership on the Hebrew Union College board of overseers, for completion of a course in Pastoral Counseling at the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health, and a proclamation from the Council of the City of New York honoring him on his retirement as rabbi of Hebrew Tabernacle of Washington Heights.

Box	Folder Title	Date
OS 161	1 Diplomas and Certificates	1949-1997
OS 161	2 Laminated Plaques – Doctoral Degrees and Rabbinical Ordination	1954-1985

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**Document
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Proclamation



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WHEREAS:

Among his many initiatives, Rabbi Lehman organized a program to bring Vietnamese "boat people" to the community and arranged for the congregation to sponsor a family; and

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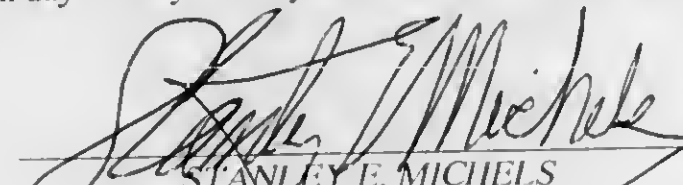
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RABBI ROBERT L. LEHMAN

on the occasion of his retirement from the Hebrew Tabernacle Congregation.

Signed this 9th day of May in the year Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Seven


STANLEY E. MICHELS
Council Member, 7th District
Manhattan



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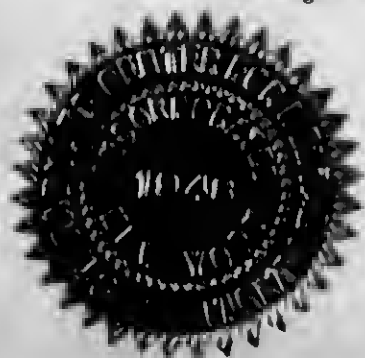
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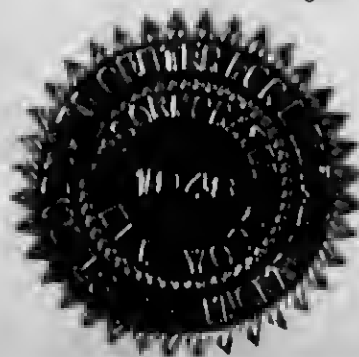
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HE HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO THAT DEGREE
WITH ALL THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES APPERTAINING THEREUNTO



GIVEN UNDER OUR HAND AND SEAL
THIS SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER IN THE YEAR 1969
AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

S. L. Kopald Jr. Chairman

THE FACULTY

Nelson Glueck

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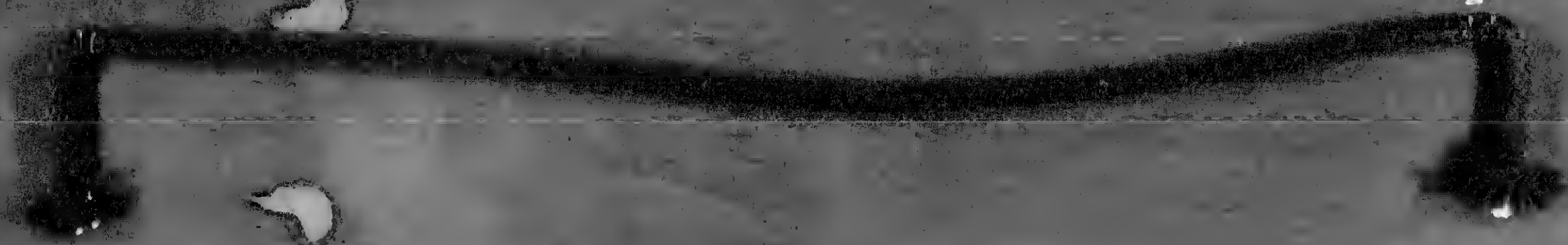


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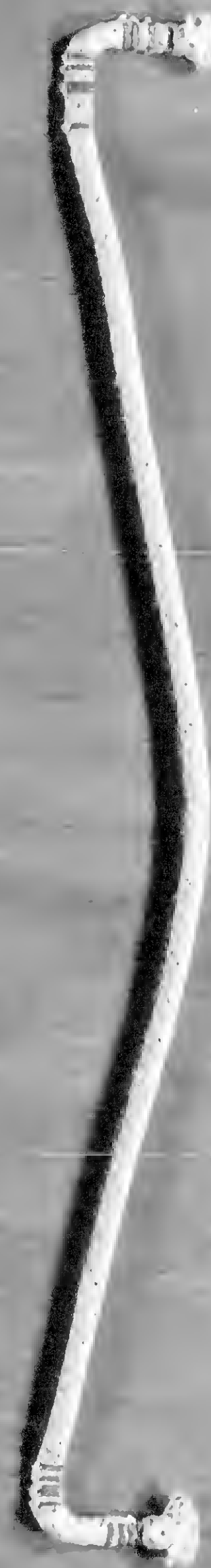
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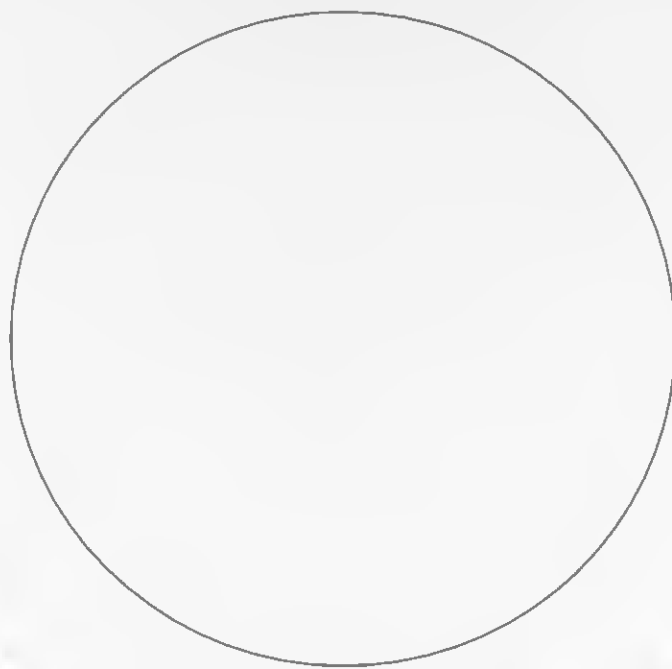
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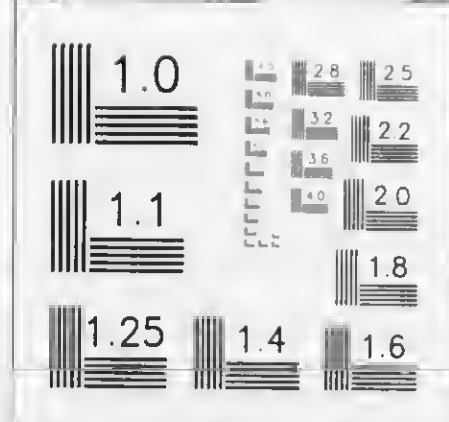
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